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SUBJECT: NDP DECLARATION OF MARCH 11, 1977

REF: (A) SEOUL 2005 (110858Z MAR 77), (B) SEOUL 2018

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED AT DEMONSTRATION (REF B). SINGLE-PAGE LEAFLET IS LABELED AS EXTRA OF MINJU CHONSON (DEMOCRATIC FRONT), WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP), AND DATED MARCH 11, 1977. TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, THE MARCH 10 NDP STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH APPEARED AT BOTTOM OF LEAFLET, HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED OR NOTED ELSEWHERE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

(HEADLINES)

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WE OPPOSE MOST STRONGLY WITHDRAWAL OF USF/K
SECURITY OF KOREA IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THAT OF NORTHEAST
ASIA

WE RESPECT PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
ASTONISHMENT AND UNEASE, TOGETHER WITH CITIZENS...MUST

CONVENT SPECIAL SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IMMEDIATELY
(STORY)

THE SUPREME COMMITTEE OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP)
CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 11 AND
DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF "THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES/
KOREA." (USF/K) TODAY'S MEETING, WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY
SIN TO-HWAN, ACTING CHAIRMAN, ADOPTED AND RELEASED A SPECIAL
DECLARATION STRONGLY OPPOSING U.S. PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY
TO WITHDRAW USF/K.

THE DECLARATION, NOTING THAT "WE CANNOT SUPPRESS (OUR) ASTONISH-
MENT AND UNEASE IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES' CLEAR
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 'A POLICY FOR WITHDRAWAL OF USF/K,'" EMPHASIZED
THE FACT THAT USF/K ARE DIRECTLY LINKED NOT ONLY TO THE
SECURITY OF KOREA, BUT TO THAT OF NORTHEAST ASIA AS WELL. ALSO,
THE DECLARATION, WHILE ANNOUNCING THAT THE NDP HAS ALREADY
STRONGLY DEMANDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT URGENTLY CORRECT AND SOLVE
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS OF HUMAN RIGHT, POINTED OUT TO THE U.S. THAT HUMAN
RIGHTS PROBLEMS AND THAT OF USF/K MUST BE HANDLED AS ENTIRELY
SEPARATE ISSUES. THE SUPREME COMMITTEE HAS SENT ITS RESOLUTION
ON THESE PROBLEMS BY TELEGRAPH TO THE SENIOR SUPREME COMMITTEEMAN,
WHO IS NOW STAYING IN WASHINGTON.
(HEADLINE)

THE NDP RELEASES A SPECIAL DECLARATION BY THE SUPREME COMMITTEE.

SPECIAL DECLARATION (FULL TEXT)

1. IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. PRESIDENT CARTER'S CLEAR ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES/KOREA, OUR PARTY, TOGETHER WITH
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ALL THE PEOPLE, CANNOT SUPPRESS ITS ASTONISHMENT AND UNEASE.
MOREOVER, THE UNILATERAL, DIRECT FORM THIS HAS TAKEN IS NOT THE
SORT OF ATTITUDE WHICH THE UNITED STATES, OUR ALLY, SHOULD ASSUME
TOWARD OUR KOREA, A FRIENDLY COUNTRY. WE HEREBY EXPRESS OUR DEEP
SENSE OF REGRET OVER THIS POINT.

2. THE RECENT VIETNAM WAR ELOQUENTLY TESTIFIES THAT THE
WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES/KOREA IS NOT LIMITED TO THE SECURITY
OF KOREA (ALONE), BUT IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE SECURITY OF THE
WHOLE OF NORTHEAST ASIA. MOREOVER, RECALLING THE AGGRESSIVENESS
OF THE NORTHERN PUPPETS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF RUSSO-CHINESE
COMPETITION TO AID THE NORTHERN PUPPETS, U.S. FORCES/KOREA
ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT BE WITHDRAWN.

3. OUR PARTY EXPRESSES ITS RESPECT AND APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT
CARTER'S RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. OUR PARTY, TOO, IS STRONGLY
DEMANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT URGENTLY CORRECT AND SOLVE
THE PROBLEMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT HOME AND ABROAD. BUT WE HEREBY
POINT OUT TO THE AMERICANS THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF USF/K AND INTERNAL

PROBLEMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS (INVOLVE) SEPARATE CONSIDERATIONS AND
ARE ENTIRELY SEPARATE PROBLEMS.

4. OUR PARTY CAN IN NO WISE ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT
AND GOVERNMENT PARTIES HAVE NOT CALLED AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE AMERICANS
HAVE CLEARLY ANNOUNCED A POLICY OF WITHDRAWING THE USF/K, WHICH
ARE DIRECTLY LINKED WITH THE FATE AND LIFE OF THE NATION AND PEOPLE.
WE STRONGLY REQUEST THE RAPID CONVOCAION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY
SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

(HEADLINE)

RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (IS) THE HIGHEST OF ALL VALUES

--DISCUSSION OF COUNTERMEASURES ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HUMAN
RIGHTS SURVEY COMMITTEE

(STORY)

THE HUMAN RIGHTS SURVEY COMMITTEE, WHICH HELD ITS FIRST MEETING
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ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 10, ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS COMPELLED
TO TAKE SERIOUSLY THE RECENT FREQUENT INFRINGEMENTS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS, AND RELEASED A PUBLIC STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE AUTHORITIES'
INFRINGEMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

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THIS STATEMENT, WHICH WAS RELEASED BY HWANG NAK-CHU, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, READS IN PART, "WE HAVE DECIDED TO CONDUCT A SURVEY AND ESTABLISH COUNTER-MEASURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT STRING OF CASES OF ARREST, INTERFERENCE IN RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS, AND ILLEGAL HOUSE ARREST."

COMPLETE TEXT OF STATEMENT:

AT THIS TIME WHEN THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA HAS BECOME SEVERE AT HOME AND ABROAD, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ARRESTED CITIZENS AT RANDOM ON THE VAGUE CHARGE OF "GROUNDLESS AND PROVOCATIVE RUMORS," DISTURBED OR DISSOLVED EVEN RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS ABOUT THE TIME OF THE MARCH 1 HOLIDAY, AND SUBJECTED TO ILLEGAL DOMICILIARY CONFINEMENT DR. CHONG IL-HYONG, AN ADVISOR TO OUR PARTY AND A CURRENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN. OUR PARTY IS COMPELLED TO TAKE SERIOUSLY THIS STRING OF INFRINGEMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
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"WE, WHO ARE CONFIDENT THAT HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE ACCORDED THE HIGHEST VALUE IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY, DEMAND THAT (THESE) ACTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORTIES, WHICH REPRESENT A REVERSAL OF THE NEW TIDE OF WORLD HISTORY, BE STOPPED PROMPTLY.

INASMUCH AS THE CASES LISTED ABOVE REPRESENT CLEAR INFRINGEMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE GOVERNMENT MUST CONDUCT A STRICT INQUIRY AS TO WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. OUR PARTY HAS RESOLVED TO REPRESENT WITHOUT FEE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. END TEXT.
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